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INSTRUMENTS FOR EXPANSION OF CDMA/GSM NETWORK
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL and MTNL are procuring the instruments for the expansion of their CDMA and GSM based network from the foreign companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether UT starcom has been awarded the contract by BSNL to develop broadband network, whereas the company does not have any manufacturing units in the country as stipulated in the contract; and

(d) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir. BSNL and MTNL are not procuring any instruments directly from foreign Companies. However, BSNL and MTNL are procuring equipments required for its communication network from companies registered in India.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The Purchase Order for supply of 1.34 million broadband ports has been placed by BSNL on M/s UT Starcom on 28.12.2006. The indigenous manufacturing capability was not mandatory for the ordering of the first phase of the broadband equipment. Order for subsequent phases will be placed among short listed bidders on satisfactorily demonstration of 30% value addition in hardware, indigenously.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.